

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 59-77 are pending in this case. Claims 29-38, 40-43, 45, 49, 50, and 55-58 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and new Claims 59-77 are added by the present amendment. New Claims 59-77 are supported by the original claims. No new matter is added.

In the outstanding Official Action, Claims 32-33, 35, 40-43, and 45 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Santo (French Patent Publication No. 2 720 145). Claims 32, 35-36, 40, 42, and 45 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Marx (U.S. Patent No. 3,425,147). Claims 29-38, 40-43, 45, and 49-50 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious in light of Bickford (U.S. Patent No. 4,117,614) in view of Marx. Claim 49 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious in light of Santo. Claims 33 and 49-50 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious in light of Marx.

It is respectfully submitted that the cancellation of Claims 29-38, 40-43, 45, 49, 50, and 55-58 renders the outstanding rejections moot.

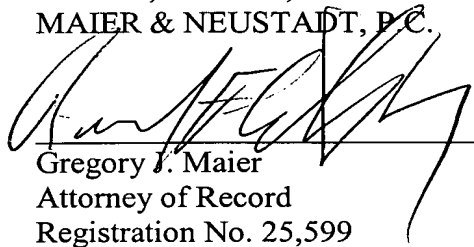
Further, it is respectfully noted that all of the new independent claims recite, “said shelf configured to be used in a substantially horizontal configuration,” and that new independent Claims 73 and 77 are directed to telescopic corner pieces, as is dependent Claim 66. It is respectfully submitted that neither Bickford nor Marx teach or suggest a shelf of any kind, much less a “shelf configured to be used in a substantially horizontal configuration,” and that Santo lacks any teaching of telescopic cornerpieces.

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Accordingly, the outstanding rejections are traversed and the pending claims are believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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